



# JANUARY TIDINGS

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## Don't Forget!

- \* Family Worship  
January 13 and 27
- \* Food pantry items:  
Hamburger Helper,  
Tuna Helper, beef stew,  
soup, Spaghetios, soup  
mix (like Lipton's  
chicken noodle), Ramen  
noodles



Dear friends,  
Some familiar cadences benefit from a close and patient scrutiny. For one:

“Of the Father’s Love begotten, ‘ere the world began to be; He is Alpha and Omega, the source; the ending, He!” - Marcus Aurelius, 400 A.D. (Hymnal # 82)

In so few words such deep mysteries are treated. Born at the impulse of the Father, from overflowing Love which found full flower before Earth and Heaven were even fashioned; as a little vulnerable child appears in Bethlehem who is the source of all life, the energy that animates the universe; the Self-same reigning

King who appears at the end of time to resolve all trepidation and inequity in a pure, sweeping, Justice. What joy is in the Christmas story because it is the promise of all things good; and the Pledge that no less than the Son of God is our partner in this venture.

I love these words as well, as upon entering Seminary I fell in with the Jersey boys, and sharing a pew in chapel they would marvel at how many “R”s I dropped from this text, (Fathah, eair, souce) and where I would add one (Alpher, Omeger) where they would never expect. The kind of delight of discovery and

laughter that has led to friendships that last a lifetime. Because when we let down our guard we realize the Son of God is still our partner in this venture. It is He who knits our friendship up, because God as light and Spirit are the ground of the relationships we enjoy. For Christ is born in Bethlehem, so too, to be born in Southbridge, Sturbridge, Boston, and everywhere else.

Celebrate His birth! And own that the Incarnate One is as integral to our living as our next breath!

I remain, your friend and Rector,

(The Reverend)  
Richard S. Signore



## Annual Report Deadline

If you contribute to the Annual Report, please know that this is the time to write your piece! It takes some time to

compile, format, print and collate this report. We would like to have it available for parishioners to review on January 14,

therefore..... **All reports are due to Chris Bolte, the Parish Secretary, BEFORE January 8.** Thank you.

## Mission and Outreach

A New Year is upon us! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we really did have peace on earth and goodwill toward men! When I hear about the millions dying and suffering in Yemen, especially the children, I pray that a truce will last and that food and aid will be available to all in need. DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS is right there in the war zone providing medical aid to the injured and starving.

85,000 children have already died, and 14,000,000 are at risk of starvation!



Perhaps our Mission Plate donations could save a child from starvation, treat the diphtheria that takes their breath away.

Please let us reach out to the Yemenis in their struggles by helping DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS do their lifesaving work.

Suzy Sharp

## Epiphany Potluck Brunch "Festival of Kings"

This year's Epiphany falls on a Sunday, and we will celebrate the 9:30 Eucharist in the parish hall followed by a POTLUCK BRUNCH.

**JANUARY 6, 2019**

**9:30 A.M.**

This service and potluck brunch

celebrates the eucharist in an informal, early Christian format. As always, this invitation is open to parishioners, their friends and family, and the community as we share hymns, readings, communion, and a meal 'round the same table.

**Please bring a brunch dish to share. Beverages provided!**

RSVP by January 5 (helpful but not necessary) to Susan Howland or the office.



## Childreach Sponsor Child for 2019

The sign-up sheet has been placed on the back table of the church to help support Nicholas Onyango Okondo. Please consider supporting this important ministry by signing up to sponsor Nicholas for a month (or two) in 2019. The sponsorship is \$33.00 per month. A postcard will be mailed to you

as a reminder that your donation is due. Thank you! Please make sure you note "Sponsor Child" on your check.



## January Birthdays

- 3—Harry Theodoss
- 4—Roy Baum, Jr.

*If you have a birthday this month and are not listed but would like your name to be included in our monthly Tidings for birthdays, please contact the office. Thank you!*

## Annual Meeting

All parishioners are invited to.....

### HTC'S ANNUAL MEETING

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**

*snow date February 3*

#### 8:45 AM-9:15 AM

Presentation of the 2019 budget, in the Parish Hall

#### 9:30 AM

Eucharist Service incorporating the Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)

#### 11:00 AM

Conversation & coffee in the Parish Hall

*\*Printed annual meeting reports available by request*

## Thank you from the ECW

Thank you to all who baked and bought Christmas cookies. We raised \$163 which will go to a charity in 2019.

ECW



## Treasurer's Report

As we move to the end of 2018 there are no significant comments. Pledges are off by \$1,515 , but we may see that corrected toward the end of the year.

The one expense line significantly over budget is the Church repair and maintenance budget. This is becoming more and more of a reality of trying to maintain our 150-year-old building from the pledges of our small congregation. We have more space than we need for our program, and if we could utilize the space to generate a modicum of income, we could most likely support the building. December's financial report will show more accurately the expenses for the building as many bills were paid at the beginning of December.

We are now waiting on the pledge figures to see where we stand for the 2019 budget.

Questions welcome!  
Susan Howland, treasurer

## Donations Needed for St. Luke's Guesthouse

The Daughters Of The King will be collecting articles for St. Luke's Guesthouse & guests. We are looking for the following items: laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, large kitchen trash bags, & dish detergent. These donations can be placed in the plastic St. Luke's bin at the back of

the church.

Thank you for your support!



## Sunday Service Inclement Weather Plan for 2019

Every Sunday in January, weather permitting, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. Please know that if, due to inclement weather, it is deemed necessary to cancel the service or hold Morning Prayer instead, and the means to do so is in place, an announcement will be posted on the Holy Trinity Web page, Facebook, and an all parish email

sent out. Please consider the road conditions and parking availability when making your decision to attend the service. If you are in any doubt, please contact either one of the following people:

Senior Warden—John Grant  
860-923-9691 or 860-576-2148

Junior Warden—Diane Nichols  
508-885-2934 or 774-230-0113

## ♪ Notes from our Organist

Thank you to the choirs and our instrumentalists for their gifts of music this holiday season. Happy New Year!

There will be no choir rehearsal during January for a nice winter break.

-Anne

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Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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\*unless otherwise noted\*

**The Episcopal Diocese of Western  
Massachusetts**

The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

**Sunday Services**

*9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist*

**Celebrant and Preacher  
The Rev. Richard Signore**

**Save These Dates**

**Wednesday, January 2 – 6:30 p.m.** – Bible Study

**Sunday, January 6 – 9:30 a.m.** – Epiphany Service w/brunch

**Wednesday, January 9 – 7:00 p.m.** – Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, January 13 – 9:30 a.m.** – Family Worship

**Wednesday, January 16 – 4:00 p.m.** – Daughters of the King

**6:30 p.m.** – Bible Study

**Sunday, January 20 – 9:30 a.m.** – Healing Service

**Sunday, January 27 – 9:30 a.m.** – Annual Meeting with Holy  
Eucharist



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